



a dead space formed on both outer sides of said effective area in a direction perpendicular to a direction in which the aperture lines are directed, and the shadow mask being stretched and held in the direction in which the aperture lines are directed,

wherein

a slit extending along said aperture line is formed in said dead space formed on both outer sides of said effective area in the direction perpendicular to the direction in which the aperture lines are directed, and

the slit has a lengthwise direction that coincides with the direction in which the aperture lines are directed.

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2. (Once Amended) The cathode ray tube according to claim 1, wherein a width of said slit in the direction perpendicular to the direction in which the aperture lines are directed is from 45 % to 100 % of a width in the same direction of said aperture adjacent to said dead space.
  3. (Once Amended) The cathode ray tube according to claim 1, wherein a length of said slit in the direction in which the aperture lines are directed is equal to or longer than a length in the same direction of said aperture adjacent to said dead space.

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